## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JAMEK WRIGHT,

Plaintiff,

-against-

JOHN DOE, WARDEN OF NYC – DOC; JANE DOE, OSIU OF NYC – DOC; JOHN DOE, OSIU OF NYC – DOC; TIFFANY MORALES, DEPUTY WARDEN OF SECURITY,

Defendants.

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22-CV-0131 (ALC)
ORDER OF SERVICE

### ANDREW L. CARTER, JR., United States District Judge:

Plaintiff, who is currently detained in the Otis Bantum Correctional Center, brings this *pro se* action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging that, while he was detained in the George R. Vierno Center, Defendants violated his rights. By order dated March 16, 2022, the Court granted Plaintiff's request to proceed without prepayment of fees, that is, *in forma pauperis* (IFP). <sup>1</sup>

### **DISCUSSION**

### A. Waiver of Service

The Clerk of Court is directed to notify the New York City Department of Correction and the New York City Law Department of this order. The Court requests that Tiffany Morales, Deputy Warden of Security, waive service of summons.

### **B.** John Doe Defendants

Under *Valentin v. Dinkins*, a *pro se* litigant is entitled to assistance from the district court in identifying a defendant. 121 F.3d 72, 76 (2d Cir. 1997). In the complaint, Plaintiff supplies sufficient information to permit the New York City Department of Correction to identify John

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prisoners are not exempt from paying the full filing fee even when they have been granted permission to proceed IFP. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1).

Doe, the Warden of NYC-DOC; Jane Doe, OSIU<sup>2</sup> of NYC-DOC; and John Doe, OSIU of NYC-DOC. It is therefore ordered that the New York City Law Department, which is the attorney for and agent of the New York City Department of Correction, must ascertain the identity and badge number of each John Doe whom Plaintiff seeks to sue here and the address where the Defendant may be served.<sup>3</sup> The New York City Law Department must provide this information to Plaintiff and the Court within sixty days of the date of this order.

Within thirty days of receiving this information, Plaintiff must file an amended complaint naming the John Doe Defendants. The amended complaint will replace, not supplement, the original complaint. An amended complaint form that Plaintiff should complete is attached to this order. Once Plaintiff has filed an amended complaint, the Court will screen the amended complaint and, if necessary, issue an order asking Defendants to waive service.

### C. Local Civil Rule 33.2

Local Civil Rule 33.2, which requires defendants in certain types of prisoner cases to respond to specific, court-ordered discovery requests, applies to this action. Those discovery requests are available on the Court's website under "Forms" and are titled "Plaintiff's Local Civil Rule 33.2 Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents." Within 120 days of

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The acronym OSIU refers to the Department of Corrections' Operations Security Intelligence Unit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If the Doe Defendants are current or former DOC employees or officials, the New York City Law Department should note in the response to this order that an electronic request for a waiver of service can be made under the e-service agreement for cases involving DOC Defendants, rather than by personal service at a DOC facility. If the Doe Defendants are not current or former DOC employees or officials, but otherwise work or worked at a DOC facility, the New York City Law Department must provide residential addresses where the individuals may be served.

service of the complaint, Defendants must serve responses to these standard discovery requests.

In their responses, Defendants must quote each request verbatim.<sup>4</sup>

**CONCLUSION** 

The Clerk of Court is directed to electronically notify the New York City Department of

Correction and the New York City Law Department of this order. The Court requests that

Defendant Tiffany Morales, Deputy Warden of Security, waive service of summons.

The Clerk of Court is further directed to mail a copy of this order and the complaint to the

New York City Law Department at: 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10007.

Local Civil Rule 33.2 applies to this action.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would

not be taken in good faith, and therefore IFP status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. Cf.

Coppedge v. United States, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962) (holding that an appellant demonstrates

good faith when he seeks review of a nonfrivolous issue).

The Clerk of Court is further directed to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff, together

with an information package.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

April 7, 2022

New York, New York

ANDREW L. CARTER, JR.

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United States District Judge

<sup>4</sup> If Plaintiff would like copies of these discovery requests before receiving the responses and does not have access to the website, Plaintiff may request them from the Pro Se Intake Unit.

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Write the full name of each plaintiff.	CV (Include case number if one has been assigned)
-against-	AMENDED COMPLAINT (Prisoner)
	Do you want a jury trial? □ Yes □ No
Write the full name of each defendant. If you cannot fit the names of all of the defendants in the space provided, please write "see attached" in the space above and attach an additional sheet of paper with the full list of names. The names listed above must be identical to those contained in Section IV.	

### **NOTICE**

The public can access electronic court files. For privacy and security reasons, papers filed with the court should therefore *not* contain: an individual's full social security number or full birth date; the full name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial account number. A filing may include *only*: the last four digits of a social security number; the year of an individual's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial account number. See Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2.

State below the federal legal basis for your claim, if known. This form is designed primarily for

## I. LEGAL BASIS FOR CLAIM

often brought unde	•	nst state, county, c	s of confinement; those claims are or municipal defendants) or in a
☐ Violation of my	federal constitutional	rights	
☐ Other:			
II. PLAINTIE	F INFORMATION		
Each plaintiff must p	provide the following in	formation. Attach	n additional pages if necessary.
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Na	ame
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• •	have previously been i (such as your DIN or NY	• .	's custody, please specify each agency you were held)
Current Place of De	tention		
Institutional Addres	S		
County, City		State	Zip Code
III. PRISONE	R STATUS		
Indicate below whe	ther you are a prisoner	or other confined	person:
☐ Pretrial detaine	ee		
☐ Civilly commit			
☐ Immigration de			
	sentenced prisoner		
Other:			<u></u>

### IV. DEFENDANT INFORMATION

To the best of your ability, provide the following information for each defendant. If the correct information is not provided, it could delay or prevent service of the complaint on the defendant. Make sure that the defendants listed below are identical to those listed in the caption. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Defendant 1:				
	First Name	Last Name	Shield #	
	Current Job Title (o	r other identifying information)	Y	
	Current Work Addr	ess		
	County, City	State	Zip Code	
Defendant 2:	First Name	Last Name	Shield #	
	Current Job Title (o	r other identifying information)	L.	
	Current Work Address			
	County, City	State	Zip Code	
Defendant 3:				
	First Name	Last Name	Shield #	
	Current Job Title (or other identifying information)			
	Current Work Addr	ess		
	County, City	State	Zip Code	
Defendant 4:	First Name	Last Name	Shield #	
	Current Job Title (or other identifying information)			
	Current Work Addr	ess		
	County, City	State	Zip Code	

V. STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Place(s) of occurrence:
Date(s) of occurrence:
FACTS:
State here briefly the FACTS that support your case. Describe what happened, how you were harmed, and how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful actions. Attach additional pages as necessary.

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INJURIES:
If you were injured as a result of these actions, describe your injuries and what medical treatment, if any, you required and received.
VI. RELIEF
State briefly what money damages or other relief you want the court to order.

### VII. PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION AND WARNINGS

By signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that: (1) the complaint is not being presented for an improper purpose (such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation); (2) the claims are supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument to change existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

I understand that if I file three or more cases while I am a prisoner that are dismissed as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim, I may be denied *in forma pauperis* status in future cases.

I also understand that prisoners must exhaust administrative procedures before filing an action in federal court about prison conditions, 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), and that my case may be dismissed if I have not exhausted administrative remedies as required.

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Each Plaintiff must sign and date the complaint. Attach additional pages if necessary. If seeking to proceed without prepayment of fees, each plaintiff must also submit an IFP application.

Dated		Plaintiff's Signatu	re	
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name		
Prison Address				
County, City	St	ate	Zip Code	
Date on which I am delivering this complaint to prison authorities for mailing:				